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SUBJECT: Pest Management for G.F. Erambert and Black Creek Seed
Orchards Final Environmental Impact Statement, Forrest
and Perry Counties, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the above referenced document in accordance with its responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act. The document presents five alternatives and associated impacts for pest management programs at two nurseries located near Brooklyn, Mississippi.

The preferred alternative includes all available methods of pest control associated with integrated pest management. It is the current pest management program used at the nurseries. Our comments on this alternative as described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were adequately addressed in the final document. We have no further comments on this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document.

Sincerely,

Heinz Mueller

Heinz J. Mueller, Chief
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EPA expressed no objections to the proposed project; our comments in the DBIS were adequately addressed.